

**DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 9 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT  
APPRECIATION DAY**

**CHAPTER 1139**

H.B. No. 297

**AN ACT**

**relating to the designation of January 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.065 to read as follows:

*Sec. 662.065. LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY. (a) January 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.*

*(b) Law Enforcement Appreciation Day may be regularly observed in public schools and other places. The Texas Education Agency shall develop recommendations for the observation of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day through appropriate activities in the public schools.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**ACREAGE CONTRACTS AND QUANTITY CONTRACTS FOR  
THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

**CHAPTER 1140**

H.B. No. 338

**AN ACT**

**relating to acreage contracts and quantity contracts for the purchase of agricultural products.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Producer Protection Act.

SECTION 2. Subtitle D, Title 5, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Chapter 104 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 104. ACREAGE CONTRACTS AND QUANTITY CONTRACTS**

*Sec. 104.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:*

*(1) "Acreage contract" means a contract that requires a producer to deliver to a purchaser all of the production of a specified agricultural product grown on land described in the contract, unless clearly and conspicuously stated otherwise in the contract's language. The term does not include a contract that requires a producer to deliver a specified quantity of an agricultural product.*

*(2) "Producer" means a person who produces an agricultural product and sells the product under an acreage contract or a quantity contract.*

*(3) "Purchaser" means a person who purchases an agricultural product under an acreage contract or a quantity contract.*

*(4) "Quantity contract" means a contract that requires a producer to deliver to a purchaser a specified quantity of an agricultural product, regardless of the amount of the product grown by the producer.*

*Sec. 104.002. CONTRACT TYPE DISCLOSURE. A contract between a producer and a purchaser regarding an agricultural product must clearly and conspicuously state on its face that it is an acreage contract or a quantity contract, as applicable.*

*Sec. 104.003. SUIT BY PURCHASER UNDER ACREAGE CONTRACT. A purchaser may not file suit against a producer under an acreage contract unless the producer knowingly fails to deliver to the purchaser all of an agricultural product grown on specified land as provided by the acreage contract.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 104, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contract executed on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract executed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the contract was executed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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## ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS FOR FREE PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### CHAPTER 1141

H.B. No. 357

#### AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of the children of certain first responders for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 29.153(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A child is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class under this section if the child is at least three years of age and:

- (1) is unable to speak and comprehend the English language;
- (2) is educationally disadvantaged;

(3) is a homeless child, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child;

(4) is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority;

(5) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; ~~or~~

(6) is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; or

(7) is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as:

(A) a peace officer under Section 3106.002, Government Code;

(B) a firefighter under Section 3106.003, Government Code; or

(C) an emergency medical first responder under Section 3106.004, Government Code.